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collection is a green toucan (*Aulacorhamphus sulcatus*), though a grosbeak and two siskins remain to be identified.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

ANNOUNCEMENT has been made by President Charles F. Thwing that gifts of \$100,000 each have been made to Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O., by Mr. H. M. Hanna and Colonel Oliver H. Payne. The \$200,000 thus subscribed is to be used in establishing and endowing a laboratory of experimental medicine in the medical school. A professorship of experimental medicine has been created and Professor George N. Stewart, of the University of Chicago, has been elected to the chair, the first of its kind, it is said, to be created in this country.

THE trustees of Hobart College have accepted the proposition of Mr. William Smith, of Geneva, N. Y., to found a woman's college. The name of the new college will be the William Smith College for Women, and it will have an endowment of about \$350,000. The new college will have five members on the board of trustees, two of whom must be women. Two new buildings will be erected, a dormitory and a biological and psychological laboratory, to be known as the William Smith Hall of Science.

MR. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER has sent word to the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church that he will give \$100,000 toward educational work in Egypt and the Soudan.

A 'CARL SCHURZ memorial professorship' is to be established at the University of Wisconsin as a result of the movement recently started in Milwaukee by a number of prominent German-Americans. The plan is to raise an endowment of \$50,000, the income of which will be used for the establishment of an annual course of lectures at the state university, to be given by prominent professors of German universities. It is hoped that the establishment of this new chair will lead to an exchange of professors between the University of Wisconsin and German universities.

PRESIDENT PLASS, of Washburn College, Topeka, Kans., a congregational institution, has announced that Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered to give the college a second \$50,000 for its endowment fund, provided the total endowment reaches \$200,000 by January 1, 1908.

ACCORDING to a cablegram from Tokio members of the Furukawa family, who are prominent Japanese mine owners, have given 1,000,000 yen (about \$500,000) to establish the nucleus of new universities at Fukuoka, Sapporo and Sendai.

As a result of Bishop O'Connell's mission to Japan the Vatican will establish shortly a Catholic University at Tokio. It will be controlled by Jesuits of the American province.

DR. A. LAWRENCE ROTCH, the founder and director of the Blue Hill Meteorological Observatory, has been elected professor of meteorology at Harvard University.

DR. A. E. HALSTEAD has been elected professor of surgery in the Northwestern University Medical School.

At the annual meeting of the trustees of Oberlin College on December 5 it was voted that under the provisions of the Carnegie Foundation retirement is to be at the option of the teacher or college at the age of sixty-five, but obligatory at sixty-eight. The office of dean of the college of arts and sciences was created, and Charles E. St. John, professor of physics, was elected to the office. Mr. Earl F. Adams, now at Harvard University on leave of absence, was made associate principal and associate professor of physics in the academy. Dean Edward T. Bosworth was granted leave of absence for the second semester. Two associate professorships were created, one in English and one in political science. The bids for the new library exceed the \$125,000 given by Mr. Carnegie. After some modifications in the plans bids will be obtained again.

MR. F. J. DYKES, M.A., fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, late lecturer in mechanics at the Royal Naval College, Portsmouth, has been appointed lecturer in mechanics at Trinity College.